

**February 10, 2019 8:30 & 10:45**

**5th Sunday after Epiphany**

*Unafraid: Living with Hope in Uncertain Times*

Boy Scout Sunday

 *“God is our refuge and strength,” the Psalmist wrote, “a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear . . .”* In our troubled modern world, can we still hold to this ancient promise? Yes! It is God’s very nature to be for us a tower of strength, a rock of Gibraltar, a fortress of protection. This is who God is; this is what God does.

**WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME …**

**Gathering Music** 8:30 **Hymnal 377 It is well with my soul** (seated) *Ville du Havre*

10:45 Meditation on ‘Lord, I want to be a Christian’ *arranged by Sandra Eithun* Promise Bells

**Greeting**

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,

**People: and let us exalt God’s name together!** Psalm 34:3

**Boy Scout Flag Ceremony & Pledge** (10:45)

**Announcements**

**Choral Introit**  10:45 Psalm 84 *Hart Morris*

 How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord.

**Call to Worship**

Leader: We, who live in the shelter of the Most High . . .

**People: Let us come and trust in our God. God’s word is near us, on our lips and in our hearts.**

Leader: We, who trust in God’s promises . . . let us come and rejoice in the power of the Spirit.

**People: The Holy One is our refuge and our strength. We have come to worship the One who calls us!**

**… TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD …**

**Hymnal 60 I’ll praise my Maker while I’ve breath** (standing) *Old 113th*

**Opening Prayer** (in unison)

**God of creation, your heavens and earth shout out the amazing news of your power and glory. God of justice, your laws of mercy and goodness reveal your vision of harmony for all people. God of love, your Son Jesus Christ proclaims the amazing news of your liberation for all who are hungry, poor, or oppressed. May we join with all of creation to become your message of love to the world. Amen.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Worship & Song 3159 Let our earth be peaceful** (stanza 2, standing)*Raymond* **Let our ways be mindful, mending what is hurtful,**

 **doing what is needful for the love of God.**

 **… TO CELEBRATE THE FAMILY OF FAITH …**

**February Emphasis:** Presence

**Open our minds to see your way,**

**Making our presence on this day.**

**And as we worship in this great church**

**Realizing this is where to search.**

 **Silently now we wait for thee**

 **Ready our God your will to see**

 **Open our minds, illumine us**

 **Spirit divine.**

**Boy Scout Sunday Recognition** (10:45)

**The Sign of Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Gathering Song**

 **This, this is where children belong,**

 **Welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.**

 **Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer and song:**

 **This is where children belong.** WORDS AND MUSIC: James Ritchie ©1999 Abingdon Press

**Message for Young Disciples**  Rev. Thomas Q. Strandburg

 (All children are invited. Please sing as children come forward.)

After the children’s message at the 10:45 service, children ages 3 - 3rd grade may attend **Kids Praise** in the Welcome Center. Children will be escorted to and from Kids Praise by teachers. They will return to the Sanctuary near the end of the service, and parents may meet them.

**Handbell Anthem** 10:45There is a balm in Gilead *arranged by Jeffrey Honoré*

 Chapel Bells

**… TO HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED …**

Scripture Reading 8:30 Scott Miller 10:45 Oliver Casadei

**A Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures**

 Psalm 46:1-11 God’s defense of the city and its people

**Response**

 Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

 **People: Thanks be to God**.

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

 **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** **Festival Alleluia** (standing) *James Chepponis*

 **Alleluia** (repeat 6 times)

Scripture Reading 10:45 John Dalzotto

**A Lesson from the Gospels**

 Luke 5:1-11 Jesus calls his first disciples

**Response**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**.

**… TO OFFER OUR GIFTS AND TO DEDICATE OUR LIVES …**

**Offertory Anthem** 10:45 *Thompson, Scruggs; arr. Lloyd Larson*

 Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;

 with thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.

 I am a temple, God’s holy temple, for his spirit lives in me;

 created as a sacred dwelling of the most High God!

**Hymnal 219 What child is this** (stanza 3, standing) *Greensleeves*

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;**

**the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.**

**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;**

**haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Sermon** “UNAFRAID: Facing Your Fears” Rev. Thomas Q. Strandburg

**… TO GO REJOICING IN GOD’S NAME!**

**Worship & Song 3139 We cannot measure how you heal** (standing) *Candler*

**Benediction**

**Retiring of the Colors** (10:45) Boy Scout Color Guard

**Worship & Song 3139 We cannot measure how you heal** (end of stanza 3, standing) *Candl* **Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind and soul,**

 **to disentangle peace from pain and make your broken people whole.**

**Today’s Services**

**The flowers on the altar** are given by Dolores Kortlandt in loving memory of her parents, loved ones, and her son, Fred Kortlandt, Jr.

**The flowers in the chancel** are given by Cleon and Vera Jane Cornes in honor of Gretchen and all her music makers.

**Special music for the 10:45 service** is provided by the Promise Bells, the Chapel Bells, and flautist Alison Peters. directed by Nancy R. Lutz; and the Chancel Choir, conducted by Richard Minnotte, a member of the church and Director of Percussion Studies at the Mt. Lebanon Senior High School.

**Acolytes** Anastasia Sunder and Luke Grabowski

**Greeters 8:30** Judi Phelps **10:45** Jacob Lowe

**Worship options for children** We encourage children to participate in the **Children’s Sermon** at both services, and in **Kids Praise** during the 10:45 service. **Nursery services** are offered in Room 204 of the Education Building. Ask ushers or greeters and follow signs for direction.

**Today’s Scriptures**

**Psalm 46**

**God’s Defense of His City and People**

1 God is our refuge and strength,
   a very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
   though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
3 though its waters roar and foam,
   though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
   the holy habitation of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
   God will help it when the morning dawns.
6 The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
   he utters his voice, the earth melts.
7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
   the God of Jacob is our refuge.

8 Come, behold the works of the Lord;
   see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
   he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
   he burns the shields with fire.
10 ‘Be still, and know that I am God!
   I am exalted among the nations,
   I am exalted in the earth.’
11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
   the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**Luke 5:1-11**

**Jesus Calls the First Disciples**

5Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, 2he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. 4When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.’ 5Simon answered, ‘Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.’ 6When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. 7So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. 8But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, ‘Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!’9For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; 10and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.’ 11When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

**Podcasts of Sunday Sermons**  Catch up on messages from MLUMC with a podcast of Pastor Tom’s and others’ Sunday sermons. Sermons can be found at http://mlumc.buzzsprout.com or navigate to the site from the link on our webpage, [www.mlumc.org](http://www.mlumc.org). Sermons also will be posted to iTunes. Full recordings of the service are available upon request.

**Honor or remember a loved one with a flower donation.** The flowers that grace the sanctuary each week are generously donated by our church family members. This is a great way to honor or memorialize a special person, event, or milestone in your personal life or in the life of the church. If you are interested in donating flowers on a particular Sunday, contact Lizzie Diller , 412-860-3614. Beginning Feb. 1, the cost is $40 for the altar, narthex, or columbarium arrangements, and $80 for the chancel flowers.

On this Scout Sunday, our congregation would like to acknowledge and thank Millie Rutkowski for her years of service to scouting, from which she has recently retired. Well done, Millie!

**Keep in Prayer**

**Convalescing in Care Facilities**

Bonnie Amos, Providence Point

Ed Clarke, Asbury Place

John Katshir, Asbury Heights

Pat Seitz, Concordia

Olivia Woods, Baptist Manor

**Convalescing at Home**

Bishop George Bashore, Jean Boyer,

Mary Caldwell, John Dean,

Joseph Festor, Leon Grant, Jr.,

Dave Lewis, Susan Lichtenfels,

George Lindow, Sara Mercer,

Diane Shaw, Jinny Sheppard,

Ruth Seip, Carol Van Sickle

**In the Military**

Jason Boyer, SPC Natalie Brown,

**Maj. Zachary Allen Finch, USMC,**James Iantelli, 1st Lt. Jaskiewicz,
S. Sgt. Keith Kimmell,

Sgt. Brendan Lamport,
Sgt. Matthew McConahan, Thomas Orda,
David Poncel, Sgt. Steven Reitz,
Capt. Scott B. Rushe, Pastor Rick Townes,
Maj. Azizi Wesmiller,

Maj. Matthew C. Wesmiller,
Sgt. Keith Scott Winkowski,

Sgt. Michael Zimmerman

**Become a Greeter: Extend a Welcome Hand**

The Sunday morning greeter is often the first person a visitor or member contacts on entering the church. A greeter’s smile, handshake and cheerful words may set the tone for not only a church goer’s worship experience, but also an entire day. MLUMC is in need of Sunday morning greeters, particularly for the 8:30 am service. Consider serving at one of the two worship services. You’ll become a vital part of the church’s ministry of hospitality and make new friends. If you can offer this service once or twice a year, fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or deliver it to the office.

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**Greeter Volunteer Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Worship service choice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_8:30 \_\_\_\_\_\_10:45**

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**CALENDAR – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3 THRU SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

**SUNDAY 2/10**

8:30 am Worship Sanner Chapel

 9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages/Coffee Café Various/Brookline Parlor

 9:30 am Family Communion Service(2nd & 3rd grade) Welcome Center

 10:45 am Worship Sanctuary

 11:50 am Youth Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

 5 pm Youth Group Asbury

**MONDAY 2/11**

 7 pm Chapel Bells Rehearsal Bell Room

**TUESDAY 2/12**

10 am Weekday Ministries Chapel Sanner Chapel

6 pm Terrific Tuesday Asbury

 6:30 pm Family Promise Board of Directors Library

 7 pm Boy Scout Meeting Wesley Hall

 7 pm Board of Reviews Network

 7 pm Cub Scout Committee Planning Meeting Epworth

 7:30 pm Mission Committee Meeting Welcome Center

**WEDNESDAY 2/13**

 1 pm Small Group Book Study Brookline Parlor

 6 pm Finance Committee Meeting Welcome Center

 7 pm Bear, Lion, & Webelos Den Meeting Various

 7 pm Tiger and Wolf Den Meeting Various

**THURSDAY 2/14**

6:30 pm Promise Bells Rehearsal Bell Room

 7 pm Education Committee Meeting Brookline Parlor

 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal Choir Room